

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 11 remains pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mangelsdorf et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,736,886 (Mangelsdorf). The Applicants have canceled these claims therefore rendering these rejections moot.

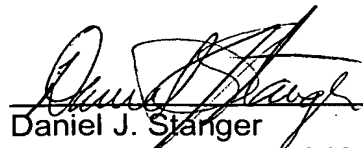
The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have rewritten claim 11 in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request allowance of the application.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. H-910-03).

Respectfully submitted,

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